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(C) Embassy Political Section Deputy delivered reftel demarche on November 1 to MOFA Arms Control and Disarmament Division Principle Deputy Director Nobuharu Imanishi, urging Japan to put forward a candidate for Asia,s Group slot as UNDC Vice-Chairman. Imanishi expressed surprise that the Asia Group might nominate its regional candidate as early as November 1 and promised to consult with Japan representatives in New York. Japan would support another candidate if a country besides Iran fields an alternative, Imanishi indicated. He shared concerns about UNDC effectiveness and emphasized Tokyo,s commitment to diplomatic efforts to promote nonproliferation. SCHIEFFER